

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/648,071

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/31/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 31-40.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

In page 1 of the specification, before "Field of the Invention" insert --This application is a continuation of application number 08/847,711 filed on 04/28/1997, now U.S. Patent number 6,109,747.--

Claims Allowed

2. Claims 31-40 are allowed.

Reasons For Allowance

3. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

The prior art fails to teach a combination of all the claimed features as present in independent claim 31, which include each extension extending across the corresponding stud, and the magnetic materials of at least one of the auxiliary frame or the primary frame being permanent magnets; each magnetic material of the primary frame engages, in a plane substantially parallel to a plane of a lens of the primary frame, with the corresponding magnetic materials of the auxiliary frame such that the auxiliary frame is secured to and supported by the primary frame; and the flanges are located behind the studs to reduce the likelihood of the auxiliary frame being

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disengaged from the primary frame if the auxiliary frame is pulled forward relative to the primary frame.

The prior art fails to teach a combination of all the claimed features as present in independent claim 36, which include each extension being capable of extending across a corresponding stud of a primary frame, and capable of engaging a magnetic material of the primary frame, in a plane substantially parallel to a plane of a lens of the primary frame, with the corresponding magnetic materials of the auxiliary frame such that the auxiliary frame is capable of being secured to and supported by the primary frame, and when the auxiliary frame is located in front of the primary frame, the flanges are located behind the studs to reduce the likelihood of the auxiliary frame being disengaged from the primary frame if the auxiliary frame is pulled forward relative to the primary frame.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably **accompany** the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Dang at telephone number (571) 272-2326.



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